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"LOCK, TAKE, HIDE" IS WORKING IN FRISCO

FRISCO, TX – The LOCK, TAKE, HIDE initiative that the Frisco Police Department's <u>Community Services</u> <u>Division</u> started in 2007 is doing what it was intended: reducing vehicle burglaries. The police department's crime analyst recently concluded that since 2006—the year prior to the initiative's introduction—the city has seen an approximate 87% decrease in vehicle burglaries in the highly commercial area around Stonebriar Mall and its surrounding shopping centers during the holiday months of November and December.

"Criminals come to Frisco to steal because it used to be easy to find parking lots full of cars ready to burglarize," said Officer Glynda Covington of the Community Services Division. "We tell people to LOCK their cars, TAKE their keys, and HIDE their belongings so that they won't get burglarized while out shopping."

The <u>Frisco Police Department</u> is proud of the program's success, which means that citizens and visitors to Frisco are listening and doing their part to prevent the consequences of theft and burglary.

For more information about the LOCK, TAKE, HIDE initiative or to learn about what you can do to protect yourself from becoming a victim, visit the police department's web site at www.FriscoTexas.gov/Police or contact the Community Services Division at 972.292.6145.

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